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Well, a word to y'r wife is enough: and so let you see that I would willingly be thought to deserve the Proverb. I most respectfully withdraw with a thousand Apologies for the great Trouble I have given you by such a long Intrusion. However, I can not do it before I have heartily sent answer to your kind prayer that we may meet again in Happyness at Green Spring. I am, Dear Sir,

Your affect. Friend and humble Servant,

PHI. LUDWELL.

P. S.—Tho' I could not with any Decency go on with my Letter I might after the example of many great writers run on in the Post Script as long as I would. However I rather choose to present you with the news Papers themselves than copy them. You will see by them what is too serious a subject of mourning to be fond of transcribing.

Pray present mine and the young Ladies perticular compliments to Mr. Allen & his good Lady who I hope are now blessed with a fine son and Heir. I will send your seeds by y'r next ship. I have not yet rec'd one from a country seedsman recommended to me by my friend ye famous Miller. There is no depending on what is sold in and about Town. It will be ye greatest pleasure in ye world to me to serve you.

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**DECISIONS OF VIRGINIA GENERAL COURT,  
1626-1628.**

[Robinson Transcripts, Virginia Historical Society MSS. Collections.]

A Court at James Citty present the 9th Octob. 1626: S<sup>r</sup> George Yeardley, Knt. Governor, &c; Captain Francis West, Dr. Pott, Capt. Smyth, Capt. Mathews, Mr. Claybourne, Capt. Tucker, & Mr. Ferrar.\*

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\*This was William Farrar, of Henrico county, a member of the Council.

In no English family had the Colony of Virginia more true and con-

It is thought fit at this quarter Court that there shall bee noe

stant friends than in that of Ferrar or Farrar (the latter the form generally used in Virginia), of London. Nicholas Ferrar was descended from the Yorkshire Ferrars, and, it is said, was nearly related to Robert Ferrar, Bishop of St. David's, who suffered death for the Protestant religion, being burnt at the stake, March 30, 1555. He was born in 1546, was a prominent London merchant, a friend of many of the eminent men of the day, and at the time of his death (April, 1620) and for several years before, was a distinguished member of the Virginia Company. He married Mary Woodenoth, of an ancient Cheshire family, and had issue: I. Susannah, married Thomas Collett, Esq.; II. John, born 1590, Treasurer of the Virginia Company; throughout life took an active interest in the advancement of the Colony, corresponding, sending new varieties of seeds, &c., and other benefits. He married Bathsheba —, and died in September, 1657. His daughter, Virginia, prepared a map of the Colony, and was an encourager of silk culture here. She died January 17, 1687. III. Erasmus, born 1591; IV. Nicholas, born February 22, 1593, educated at Clare Hall, Cambridge. (His portrait, by Jansen, is in Magdalen College in that University). Studied at Leipsic and Padua, and travelled extensively; was a man of great talent and was chosen Treasurer of the Virginia Company, and, in 1624, a member of Parliament; but in the next year, with his mother, brother, sister, Mrs. Callett and her daughters, retired to Little Gidding, in Huntingdonshire, where he being ordained the same year, the family formed a kind of Protestant monastery, where some were always engaged in religious exercises, and all devoted themselves to piety and charity. This establishment attracted great note and was visited by the King, but during the civil wars received great damage from Puritan bigotry. A life of Nicholas Ferrar has been written by Peckard; V. Richard, born 1596; VI. William. It is stated, and there can hardly be a doubt, with truth, that he was Captain William Ferrar or Farrar, who came to Virginia in 1618 and settled in Henrico county; was a justice of Henrico and Charles City, a member of the Council from 1627 to 1633, and died in or before 1637, as there was in that year a grant of land to "Mr. William Farrar, son and heir of William Farrar of Henrico, deceased."

Captain William<sup>1</sup> Farrar had issue (as appears from the Henrico records): I. Colonel William,<sup>2</sup> justice of Henrico, Burgess 1662, 1663, 1666; married Mary —, and died about January 1677-8; II. Lieutenant-Colonel John,<sup>3</sup> justice of Henrico 1677-84 (the extant records begin in 1677), sheriff 1683, Burgess 1680, 1682, 1684, and died unmarried about March, 1684-5.

Colonel William<sup>2</sup> and Mary (—) Farrar had issue: I. Major William,<sup>3</sup> of Henrico, born 1657, died 1715; justice of Henrico 1685-1715, sheriff 1690, 1691, 1692, 1712, 1713; Burgess 1700, 1701, 1702. Married,

general restraint of people from going for England, but y<sup>t</sup> such desire their passes shall repaire to the Court held weekly at James Cittye.

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first, Priscilla, daughter of William Baugh, Jr., and second, Mary, widow of William Lygon; II. Thomas,<sup>3</sup> born 1665, married, 1686, Katherine, daughter of Richard Perrin; III. John,<sup>4</sup> born 1670, married Temperance, widow of Thomas Batte, and daughter of John Brown; IV. Martha,<sup>3</sup> married Walter Skipley; V. Cicely.<sup>3</sup>

William<sup>3</sup> and Priscilla (Baugh) Farrar had issue: I. William,<sup>4</sup> justice of Henrico 1719; II. Abel;<sup>4</sup> III. Thomas,<sup>4</sup> died in 1715, leaving a widow and perhaps children; IV. Priscilla.

Thomas<sup>3</sup> and Katherine (Perrin) Farrar had issue: I. Perrin,<sup>4</sup> a child in 1691; II. William;<sup>4</sup> III. Thomas;<sup>4</sup> IV. Martha.<sup>4</sup>

John<sup>3</sup> and Temperance (Brown) Farrar had issue: I. John;<sup>4</sup> II. Temperance;<sup>4</sup> III. Mary.<sup>4</sup>

The descendants of the Farrars resided in Chesterfield, Goochland, and Louisa, and have since emigrated to various States.

John Sutton Farrar (probably the son of John and Temperance Farrar) married, first, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Hancock, and had a daughter, Temperance; married, second, ———, and dying in 1731, left by second marriage a son, John Sutton Farrar, who married Susanna ———, and was alive 1771. Thomas Jefferson, of Henrico, in his will, dated 1731, names his daughter, Judith Farrar. It was from this Mrs. Judith Farrar that the names Peter Feild and Field, which have been in frequent use in the Farrar family, are derived. Abel Farrar, of Chesterfield, was a lieutenant of militia in service against the French and Indians in 1758. Joseph Royal, Jr., had a daughter, Mary, who married ——— Farrar. Field Farrar, of Chesterfield, was grandfather of the late Edwin Farrar, of Richmond, and ancestor of the family of the name in this city. Dr. Bernard Gaines Farrar, son of Joseph Royall Farrar, was born in Goochland county July 4, 1785, and was taken by his parents in that year to Kentucky. He settled at St. Louis, Missouri, in 1806, and became one of the most distinguished physicians of that State, and a surgeon in the war of 1812. He married and left issue.

Perrin, son of William and Sarah Farrar, removed from Dutch Gap, Henrico, to Goochland, and afterwards to Louisa county. He married Sarah Lacey, and died at the age of 60, leaving various children. His descendants reside in Louisa county, the States of Mississippi, &c.

The inventory of Colonel William Farrar, dated 1684, mentions "a drum with the arms of ye family painted on it." This doubtless was the drum of his regiment of militia.

A Court at James Cittye the 10th day of Octob. 1626, present: S<sup>r</sup> George Yeardley, Gouvernor; Capt. West, Dr. Pott, Capt. Smyth, Capt. Mathews, Mr. Persey, Mr. Claybourne, Capt. Tucker & Mr. Farrar.

At this Court there was a weanoke Indian presented by Capitaine Willim Epps w<sup>ch</sup> was taken the last Springe at Sherley-hundred & hath since lived with him, & the Court hath ordered y<sup>t</sup> Capt. Epps doe enter into bonds of 500<sup>l</sup> of Tob<sup>o</sup> to ye Court that ye said Indian shall not runne away; the w<sup>ch</sup> bond to begin to take his force uppon the first arrival of Capt. Epps w<sup>th</sup> him at ye Eastern Shore: Moreover it is thought fitt, y<sup>t</sup> Capt. Epps upon his return to James Cittye w<sup>ch</sup> he intended before ye feast of ye Nativity of ye Lord God, that then the said Capt. Epps bring the Indian along w<sup>th</sup> him to ye Governor to be imployed uppon any service: . And the Court doth give leave & grant y<sup>t</sup> Capt. at his going for England ye next Spring, may carry the Indian w<sup>th</sup> him, otherwise to deliver him upp to ye Governor.

2. The Court was this day informed by Capt: Epps, y<sup>t</sup> the Indians of the Eastean-Shoure had killed divers of the hoggs belonging to ye people there; & that hee had demanded Satisfaction of ye Indians for ye hoggs, w<sup>ch</sup> they refused not, but assented to it and did offer to make Satisfaction in Corn, the Court therefore have referred this matter to the best discretion of Capt. Epps, y<sup>t</sup> hee deale therein Soe as there may be Satisfaction made by them; And that hee doe give them to know y<sup>t</sup> if hereafter they shall doe the like or in any such nature offer as offence, it will bee an occasion of the breach of the peace between us.

3. Whereas at this Court there was petition made & preferred by Richard Townshend, Servant to Mr. Dr. Pott, against his Master, complaining that hee cannot be taught the art of an apothecarye, for the lerninge of w<sup>ch</sup> art and Misterye he was bound to ye said Dr. Pott by an indenture bearing date the 20th day of February, 1621, the Court hath here uppon ordered y<sup>t</sup> Mr. Dr. Pott doe henceforth from time to time indeavor to teach and instruct the said Richard Townshend in the art of an apothecarye by all convenient wayes and meanes he can or may, that soe hee may prove at ye end of his Service a sufficient apothecarye, w<sup>ch</sup> if hee ye said Dr. Pott shall neglect or refuse, the

Court hath ordered y<sup>t</sup> hee shall pay for ye said Richard Townshend for his service from ye day of ye date hereof unto ye end & expiration thereof.

A Court at James Cittye the 11th day of Octob., 1626, p<sup>r</sup>sented S<sup>r</sup> George Yeardley, Kt., Governor, &c., Capt. West, Dr. Pott, Capt. Smyth, Capt. Matthews, Mr. Persey, Mr. Claybourne, Capt. Tucker, & Mr. Ferrar.

Whereas it appeareth to ye Court y<sup>t</sup> one Henry Carman, late Servant to Mr. Samuell Sharpe and one of the number of those 500 boyes, w<sup>th</sup> were by our late dread soveraigne King James comanded to be sent over hither, and arrived here in ye Pylve 1619: the condition of whose service was appointed to bee for 7 years at first to their Masters to whom they were first put to, & further y<sup>t</sup> if during the time they should comitt any great malifice, as whoredome, theft, perjury, drawing of blood and such like, that then from y<sup>t</sup> time, toties quoties the time of their service to begin againe for 7 years: Now Whereas it appeareth to ye Court y<sup>t</sup> ye said Henry Carman hath comitted fornication w<sup>th</sup> one Alice Chambers, Servant to Mr. Abraham Persey, and gotten her w<sup>th</sup> child, the Court hath here upon ordered that the said Henry Carman shall anew begin his service of 7 years to the use of Mr. Samuell Sharpe from the time of his said will, fact and offence comitted. Moreover seing y<sup>t</sup> ye said Mr. Sharpe is now absent out of ye Country it is thought fitt y<sup>t</sup> ye said Henry Carman remaine and continue in ye service of Mr. Will<sup>m</sup> Ferrar w<sup>th</sup> whom he was left to ye use and benefitt of ye said Mr. Sharpe.

2. It is ordered y<sup>t</sup> there bee a warrant sent upp speedily for Alice Chambers, Servant to Mr. Abraham Persey y<sup>t</sup> for her above named offence of whoredome, shee may appeare here at Court and receive worthy punishm<sup>t</sup> for the same.

A Court at James Cittye the 12th day of Octob., 1626, pr<sup>r</sup>sented S<sup>r</sup> George Yeardley, Knt., Governor, &c., Dr. Pott, Capt: Smyth, Capt: Mathewes, Mr. Persey, Mr. Claybourne, Capt: Tucker, and Mr. Ferrar.

4. It is ordered, for ye severall offences aforenamed of ye said Margaret Jones, y<sup>t</sup> Shee bee toughed or dragged at a boat's

Sterne in ye River from ye shoare unto the Margarett & John and thence unto ye Shoare againe.

5. In ye presence of ye Court one Robert Hutchinson having been formerly punished for adultery with Margaret Jones by ye Governor, Counsell said in ye open Court w<sup>th</sup> over repetitions & w<sup>th</sup> a loud voice, My conscience telleth me I have been wrongfully punished: Hereuppon ye Court for ye insolent and uncivill behaviour of ye said Hutchinson, doe adjudge and condemne him in ye forfeiture of fortye pounds in ye w<sup>th</sup> hee standeth already bound to ye Governor uppon his good behavior, and it is furthered ordered y<sup>t</sup> ye said Hutchinson doe againe enter into bond of three hundred pounds waight of Tobacco unto ye Governor for his good behaviour and more especially in his carriage of himself concerninge ye said Margaret Jones.

A Court at James Citty the 15th day of Octob., 1626, present:

S<sup>r</sup> George Yeardley, Knt., Governor, &c., Capt. West,  
Dr. Pott, Capt. Smyth, Capt: Matthewes, Mr. Persey, Mr.  
Claybourne, Capt. Tucker, and Mr. Ferrar.

3. It is ordered according to an acte of a late generall Assembly y<sup>t</sup> all dwelling houses through the Collony be palizadoed or paled about, defensible against ye Indians, to be done & finished before ye first day of May next, and for such as shall bee hereby constrained to bestowe their labour on other men's grounds having but one yeare's time to stay on ye land, it is hereby provided that they shall have satisfaction by ye owners thereof: and in default hereof it is ordered y<sup>t</sup> such as shall neglect ye making of ye like palisado shall forfeite one hundred waight of Tobacco to publique uses & shall then doe it w<sup>th</sup>in 6 months next after or else forfeite over & above the said one hundred, two hundred waight more. And for such as doe inhabite uppon Necks of land y<sup>t</sup> may w<sup>th</sup> lesse labour & charge be taken in, & prove as defensible for ye plantation, it is thought fitt y<sup>t</sup> ye Commander of every such plantation doe require all ye inhabitants joyntly to afford their labours in performing & finishing of the Worke, and if any shall in this kind refuse to joyne & give their worke herein it is ordered y<sup>t</sup> ye Commander doe hire or wage some other man to worke in his rome & hee to pay the charge. But if ye plantation in general shall neglect this thing hereby imposed uppon

them then they shall forfeite one hundred waight of Tobacco p. pol.

4. The Court at this time upon ye demonstration of Mr. Abraham Persey y<sup>i</sup> ye aforesaid order would prove very heavye and burthensome unto him at Perseye's hundred, is content, in regard he hath many houses allreadye paled & palizadoed in and that all ye whole necke is well railed in & that hee hath 10 or 12 pieces of ordinance well mounted & planted for ye defence of ye place, y<sup>i</sup> hee doe pale or palizadoe in such other houses as are not yet secured from ye Indians, as hee in his discretion shall thinke fitt.

5. It is at this Court ordered y<sup>i</sup> in such places where cattle are kept, as hogg Island, James City Island, the neck of land and other places, y<sup>i</sup> there the inhabitants for ye lessening or shortening of their workes in securing of their corne, shall not soe raile or fence by advantage of creeks and necks, as ye cattle be thereby cut off fro<sup>t</sup> a great part of ye feed y<sup>i</sup> they might have, but doe in such sort raile, paile or fence their ground as the pasture and feed of the cattle bee not taken from them, in which case if any shall offend, his Fence shal be pulled downe, and the losse ensuing thereby fall upon himselfe.

7. In regard y<sup>i</sup> there are many inconveniences appeare likely to happen if ye former order of having chosen merchants, by whose hands the comodities brought in might be into ye hands of the whole Collonye it is now by this court ordered y<sup>i</sup> all shippes & vessells whatsoever doe immediately after their first arrivall w<sup>th</sup> all convenient speed come upp to James Citty, unlesse it be otherwise thought fitt by ye Governor & Counsell, & not to breake bulk nor make sale of any goods whatsoever before their arrivall there, and shall then deliver up an Invoice of their goods upon oath if it shall be thought fitt, and then to bring their goods and comodities ashoare and not to sell anything within ten dayes, y<sup>i</sup> soe all ye Collonye may have notice of the same, & may either come or send every man to supplye himself for his own use or ye use of his familye. And noe man may be suffered to ingrosse comodities or forestall the markets and y<sup>i</sup> none shall sell any comodities at dearer rates than they bought ye same, uppon penaltie of forfeiture of ye said comodities & pay 500<sup>l</sup> of Tobo as often as they shall soe offend. And further



it is ordered y<sup>t</sup> no man except such as are of ye Counsell & such as are authorized thereunto by warrant doe at any time goe aboard of any shipp or shipps whatsoever either uppon their arrivall or afterward without warrant under ye Governo<sup>r</sup> hand uppon forfeiture of 30<sup>l</sup> of Tobacco for every such offence nor to buy any goods whatsoever aboard of any shipps but y<sup>t</sup> all buying and selling bee made and agreed on shoare uppon forfeiture of such goods & 500<sup>l</sup> Tobacco.

9. It is ordered y<sup>t</sup> publication shall be sent to all plantations y<sup>t</sup> as soon as may bee after the Death of any man there be an Inventorye taken of all his estate and goods whatsoever, and y<sup>t</sup> such wills & testaments as shall be made bee proved as soon as may be, and that it be not deferred beyond ye next Quarter Court at ye farthest, uppon penaltie of censure of ye Governor and Counsell as in a matter of y<sup>t</sup> divers times may prove of great inconvenience as hath been apparent by many examples: and it is farther ordered y<sup>t</sup> all such as have not hither to proved any wills or neglected to deliver doe forthwith prove the said wills, and deliver in ye Inventorys of ye goods of persons deceased w<sup>th</sup> in one yeare last past at or before ye next Quarter-Court held at James, uppon ye penaltie aforesaid.

10. It is ordered at this Court y<sup>t</sup> all sales of lands and deeds of giuft of ——— made and agreed on betweene partyes and partye w<sup>th</sup>in this Collonye be brought into ye Court at James-Citty and there recorded and inrolled w<sup>th</sup>in one yeare and a day next after ye date thereof.

A Court at James Citty the 18th day of Decemb., 1626, p<sup>s</sup>ent:  
S<sup>r</sup> George Yeardley, Knt., Governor, &c., Capt. Smyth,  
Mr. Persey, and Mr. Claybourne.

2. Whereas there is order given and published that noe ship shall breake bulke before their arrival at James Citty, yet notwithstanding seinge that by mis accident the Marmaduke is now come aground below Mulburye Island, it is thought fitt by ye Court and leave given to the Merchants and Such others as have goods in the said shipp to litten and unlode such a part and quantity of ye said goods as may be sufficient for to free ye said shipp and make her afloate provided that the said goods be

brought upp to James Citty & noe indirect bargains and sales made contrary to the said order.

THE QUARTER COURT.

A Court at James Citty the 8th of January, 1626, present: S<sup>r</sup> George Yeardley, Knt., Governor, &c., Capt. West, Capt. Smyth, Mr. Claybourne, Capt. Tucker, Mr. Persey, Mr. Ferrar.

It is ordered that whereas Thomas Gates hath been drunk and misbehaved himself w<sup>th</sup> much disorder that ye said Thomas Gates shall pay for a five twenty weight of Tobacco and give in bond w<sup>th</sup> security of his good behaviour and appearance at the next Quarter Court.

The Court at James Citty the 9th of February, 1626, being present: S<sup>r</sup> George Yeardley, Knt., Governor, &c., Capt. Smyth, Mr. Persey, Capt. Matthews, Mr. Claybourne, Capt. Tucker, and Mr. Ferrar.

Uppon the petition of Mr. Edward Waters, the Court hath given leave unto him to seate himself and plant uppon the Strawbury Bankes w<sup>th</sup>in ye Circuit of ye companyes land laid out at Elizabeth Citty and hath graunted him a lease of 50 acres of land there for ye terme of ten yeares next ensueing after ye Feast of St. Thomas ye Apostle last past and to take along ye bank of ye river 50 pole for ye said fifty acres yielding & paying for ye same yearly fifty weight of Tob<sup>o</sup>. Uppon ye Petitions of Richard Bridgwater, John Osborne, John Milnehouse, Robert Hutchinson, Lan: Smallpage and Joseph Hatfield and ye rest of ye Inhabitants of Pasbehayes wherein they complaine exceedingly concerning the barrennes of ye ground whereon they plant, the badnes of their utterly decayed houses and theire small strength and ability to hold and defend ye same place the court hath condiscended and given leave unto them as being free me<sup>n</sup> to remove from ye said land of Pasbehayes and leave that place voide.

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